

Kudos and Cheers

Several Individual & Team Recognitions in the Office of Application Development

Kari Welch recently passed the exam to obtain her *Certificate of Supervisory Essentials (CSE)*. The CSE is given by the Personnel



Cabinet's Governmental Services Center (GSC) to individuals who successfully complete the required coursework and pass the CSE assessment. This program requires a significant investment of time on learning the most important statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, and best practices for managers employed by the Commonwealth of

Kentucky. Congratulations Kari!!

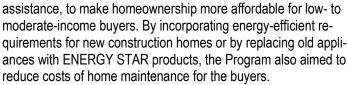
FAC Spotlight: Ky Housing Corp Helps 60 EKY Families Become Home Owners

In June 2015, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), Kentucky's housing finance agency, and Lieutenant Governor Crit Luallen announced a special financing program (Program) to provide one percent, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage loans for qualifying residents in the 54-county *Shaping Our Appalachian Region* (SOAR).

The Program had two main goals:

- to increase economic development and create jobs in the Appalachian region by stimulating housing growth; and
- 2) to make home buying more affordable for more residents in the SOAR.

Under the Program, KHC planned to provide \$6 million in special financing, including down payment



Demand for the special financing was strong, and, as a result, KHC increased the funding it provided to \$8.1 million, which resulted in 60 families in the SOAR becoming homeowners.

"The role of homeownership strengthens communities through economic growth. A home provides security, continuity, a sense of belonging, and a feeling of pride for families in those communities," said KHC Executive Director Kathryn Peters. "KHC is proud to partner with the SOAR initiative by investing in quality housing solutions for families in the Appalachian region."

Pari Mohite recently passed the *Project Management Professional* (*PMP*) exam and received his certification. The PMP is the most widely recognized certification for project managers and is awarded by the Project Management Institute (PMI). This certification requires significant investment in practical work experience along with personal study. Congratulations Pari!!

Narendar Yelleram and Bhavani Jasti are part of the Frankfort Cricket Club which recently won the 2015 MCT Division 2 Championship. They beat DMIC2 Cincinnati by 87 runs to become the champion at Metula Farms in Louisville. Congratulations Narendar and Bhavani!!



Though funding for this Program is no longer available, KHC has other mortgage programs, including down payment assistance, which makes owning a home much more affordable.

KHC networks with many lending partners across the Commonwealth that provide KHC loans. First-time and repeat buyers, who have a credit score of 640 and higher, can take advantage of homeownership opportunities and get a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage through KHC.

To learn more about mortgage loans and KHC's partnering lenders, please visit www.kyhousing.org.

KHC also offers opportunities for homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient and comfortable through KY Home Performance with affordable loan options. For more information, visit www.KYHomePerformance.org.

The Kentucky Housing Corporation is administratively attached to the Finance Cabinet.

Pictures for the Week

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Updated Standard Operating Procedures

Secretary Lori H. Flanery recently approved two Standard Procedures for the Dept. of Revenue. They can be found in the intranet at http://intranet.finance.ky.gov/policy/.





New Offerings from the State Library

Large Print Titles Available for Checkout - The State

Library has an extensive collection of large print titles in a variety of genres and topics—mystery/suspense, romance, Christian fiction, westerns, biographies, history and more.



In the past, the large print titles could only be used by

Kentucky public libraries to meet the needs of their patrons, but a recent change in policy has now opened this collection to state employees. You may check out up to 10 large print titles and have them delivered to your office by messenger mail (in Frankfort) or by UPS (outside Frankfort).

Try searching the <u>KDLA Catalog</u> for your favorite author, genre, or subject and limit your search to large print books format. Once you locate your large print title, use the "Place Hold" button to request your title.

New How-to Video Available – Have you been reluctant to check out desired titles from the <u>KDLA Catalog</u>? Watch the new <u>Placing HOLDS in WorldCat Discovery</u> video that explains how to request your titles—books, large print books, audiobooks, DVDs, etc.

WOW!!! That's a BIG FISH!!!

